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**(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) Rancho Cordova – Nurse Arrested by Feds for Selling Opioid Pills over the Dark Web**

(U) Carrie Alaine Markis, a nurse, been federally charged for selling thousands of opioid pills over the dark web. Her transactions often used bitcoin, while sending the pills out in the mail. Two PayPal accounts she allegedly used included the purchase of more than \$7,000 dollars in US postage stamps over a 10-month period. Indictment documents also show how Markis obtained the pills she sold. The complaint reads she sourced her narcotics from individuals who supplement their income through diversion, meaning people who sell the prescription pills that doctors have authorized them. Sacramento County has labeled opioid addiction as a public health crisis, with more than one million prescriptions filled in 2017, and 61 opioid overdose deaths.

SOURCE: 25 January 2019, [CBS Sacramento](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) New Mexico – Migrant with Flesh-Eating Bacteria Detained at US Border**

(U) Lordsburg – A man among a group of migrants detained in a desolate part of New Mexico near the border with Mexico has been diagnosed as infected with flesh-eating bacteria. The man was taken to a hospital after telling a federal agent that he had a growing rash on his leg. Flesh-eating bacteria is a rare condition called necrotizing fasciitis that spreads quickly and can be fatal. The bacteria usually gets into the body through a minor cut or scrape and can cause a serious infection that can destroy muscle, skin and other tissue. A statement from border patrol officials said the unidentified migrant will require extensive medical treatment.

SOURCE: 25 January 2019, [ABC News](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Kansas – Three Men Get Prison in Plot to Kill Somali Muslims**

(U) Sedgwick County – Three men were sentenced to at least 25 years in federal prison for attempting to blow up an apartment complex in western Kansas where Somali Muslims lived, a plot that unnerved that refugee community. Patrick Eugene Stein and Curtis Allen of Kansas, and Gavin Wright of Oklahoma chose the apartment complex in Garden City, a city of 26,000, partly because it contained a mosque. Today's sentence is a significant victory against hate crimes and domestic terrorism, said acting US Attorney General Matthew Whitaker.

SOURCE: 26 January 2019, [CNN](#)

**(U) Ohio – FBI and Ohio National Guard Investigating Attempted Cyber Heist**

(U) Akron – City officials requested the FBI and Ohio National Guard to assist in investigating a cyber-attack on city software, which appear to be financially-motivated, were an attempt to access Akron city funds and assets. The Akron Office of Information Technology first noticed the cyber activity on 22 January. Police were notified immediately, and the city shut all critical software and hardware systems down to prevent any sort of intrusion. To help investigate the incident, eight soldiers and airmen from

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the Ohio National Guard Cyber Team were activated to assist. There is no information at this time to indicate that personal information of Akron residents or employees was compromised.

SOURCE: 25 January 2019, [Cleveland 19](#)

**(U) Texas – Ex-teacher Charged with Attempting to Support ISIS**

(U) Houston – A former substitute teacher has been indicted on federal charges alleging he tried to provide material support to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). Warren Christopher Clark, 34, appeared in court and was ordered held without bail. Clark was captured recently by the Syrian Democratic Forces and was transferred into the custody of US law enforcement officials. An indictment that was unsealed charges Clark with attempting to provide himself as material support to ISIS but did not provide any additional details. If convicted, Clark could face up to 20 years in prison. He's due back in court next week.

SOURCE: 25 January 2019, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) France – Engineering Consulting Firm hit by Cyber-Attack**

(U) Paris – The engineering consulting firm Altran Technologies was the target of a cyber-attack last week that hit operations in some European countries. Altran said today it had shut down its IT network and applications and a recovery plan was under way. According to an investigation it conducted together with third-party technical and forensic experts, no data was stolen and Altran's clients were not affected by the incident. Britain's National Cyber Security Center announced it was investigating a large-scale Domain Name System (DNS) hijacking campaign that hit government and commercial organizations worldwide.

SOURCE: 28 January 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Philippine – ISIS Claims Responsibility for Church Bombings**

(U) Manila – ISIS has claimed responsibility for yesterday's church bombings that killed at least 20 people, the deadliest attack in the region in years. In a post from ISIS's Amaq news agency, the militant group took responsibility for the attack, but did not provide evidence for the claim. Police appear to suspect the bombings are the work of Abu Sayyaf, a homegrown insurgent group that has pledged allegiance to ISIS and has been linked to series of bloody attacks on civilians as well as government troops. The first blast went off inside the cathedral on Jolo island, in the southern Sulu province, followed by a second that went off as security rushed to the site. The attack came six days after the Muslim-majority region voted in favor of autonomy in a referendum that aims at ending a long, tumultuous period of violence. Jolo has long been a base for the ISIS-affiliated militants.

SOURCE: 27 January 2019, [Time](#)

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